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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES TO REFINERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Oil Refineries in Maharashtra have damaged and become non-operational due to heavy rains in July/August, 2005;

(b) if so, the losses suffered by these refineries; and

(c) the steps taken to make them operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) During heavy rains and flooding in July 2005, some of the processing units of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)'s Mumbai Refinery were shut down as a precautionary measure to prevent any major untoward incident. Subsequently, all the shut down units were put on-stream.

Also, due to heavy rains in Mumbai on 26.7.2005, according priority to the safety of operating personnel and equipment, a safe shut down of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)'s Mumbai Refinery was undertaken on that one day. The refinery was re-started on 28.7.2005.

While BPCL's refinery suffered a loss of about Rs.1.47 crore on account of equipment damage, no financial loss / damage was suffered by HPCL's refinery.